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SUBJECT: PAL FUEL REQUIREMENTS

REF: MANILA 2002

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1. DEPARTMENT INFORMED PAL DID RECEIVE ALLOCATION 27,000 GALLONS JP-4 NON-BONDED FUEL AT SAN FRANCISCO IN FEBRUARY, AND THAT COMPANY WAS ABLE TO COMPLETE MONTH WITHOUT FLIGHT CANCELLATIONS ALTHOUGH SOME FLIGHTS TURNED AROUND AT HONOLULU INSTEAD OF PROCEEDING TO SAN FRANCISCO. FEBRUARY ALLOCATION REFLECTED ADJUSTED BASE FOR THAT MONTH ALLOWED FOR CONCLUSION OF ORIGINAL HOMECOMING PROGRAM.

2. ATTORNEY FOR PAL REPORTS HE HAS BEEN INFORMED ALLOCATION OF JP-4 FOR MARCH WILL BE PROVIDED TO INSURE 95 PER CENT OF MARCH 1972 CONSUMPTION. NO ACTION YET TAKEN ON PAL REQUEST FOR ADJUSTED BASE FOR MARCH AND SUBSEQUENT MONTHS, IN CONNECTION WITH EXTENDED HOMECOMING PROGRAM. UNDERSTAND NEW REQUEST IN PREPARATION FOR FILING WITH FEO.

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3. DEPARTMENT NOT OPTIMISTIC REGARDING PROSPECTS FOR IN-

CREASING PAL BASE FOR MARCH AND BEYOND. ADJUSTMENT WAS OBTAINED IN FEBRUARY TO PERMIT CONCLUSION OF SPECIAL HOME-COMING PROGRAM, BUT FURTHER INCREASES DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY FOR CONTINUED PROGRAM DURING TIME OF WIDESPREAD SHORTAGES. DEPARTMENT NOTES, MOREOVER, THAT REQUESTS SO FAR RECEIVED DO NOT INDICATE THAT REFUSAL OF ADJUSTMENT WILL RESULT IN

SERIOUS DISRUPTION OF TRAVEL PLANS OR SERVICE SCHEDULED, AND IT APPEARS PAL WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS AT CLOSE TO CURRENT LEVEL IN ANY CASE.

4. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT BONDED FUELS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE CURRENT U.S. FUEL ALLOCATION PROGRAM. THUS PAL MAY FREELY PURCHASE SUCH STOCKS AT HONOLULU ALTHOUGH PRICE OF BONDED IS HIGHER THAN DOMESTIC U.S. JET FUEL.

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